

AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following amended paragraph:

[0019] A number of polymeric materials are well suited for use in the manufacture of the markers of the present invention. The material preferably comprises a low durometer polymer in order to render the marker sufficiently flexible so as not to impair the flexibility of the underlying medical device component to which the finished marker is to be attached. Additionally, the polymer must be compatible with the material of which the component is constructed so as to allow the marker to be melt bonded in place. The polymer must also impart sufficient strength and ductility to the marker compound so as to facilitate its extrusion and forming into a marker, its subsequent handling and attachment to a medical device and preservation of the marker's integrity as the medical device is flexed and manipulated during use. Examples of such polymers include but are not limited to polyamide copolymers like polyether block amide (PEBAX) ~~Pebax~~, polyetherurethanes like PELLETHANE ~~Pellethane~~, polyester copolymers like HYTREL ~~Hytrel~~, olefin derived copolymers, natural and synthetic rubbers like silicone and SANTOPRENE ~~Santoprene~~, thermoplastic elastomers like KRATON ~~Kraton~~ and specialty polymers like EVA and ionomers, etc. as well as alloys thereof. The preferred polymer for use in the manufacture of a marker in accordance with the present invention is polyether block polyamide copolymer. A durometer of 25 or lower is preferred.